

ELDERCARE RELOCATION CHECKLIST

- Will they live with you or is another senior-housing option more desirable?
- If your elders choose to live independently, will in-home services be readily available?
- How will your elders get around town while you're at work?
- Are they able to drive?
- Is public transportation accessible?
- Discuss long-term health issues and the need to find a doctor in the new location.
- If relocating overseas, how will healthcare expenses be covered?
- Create a plan for staying in touch with friends and family members.

Discuss the following

- What are the costs associated with living in this new location? Create a budget they can live with.
- Is there easy access to medical care, church, friends, personal services, and shopping?
- Is it safe for them to take a walk or sit outside?
- Will pets be allowed where they live?
- Is the climate and altitude suitable all year-round?
- What's the back-up plan if they decide the move was not right for them?

Do not consider any senior-housing arrangement, if...

- There are stairs (interior and exterior) to negotiate.
- Building codes will not allow outdoor ramps or first-floor bathrooms.
- A spare room for a first-floor bedroom is unavailable.
- There are no local in-home care or in-home medical services available.
- Transportation services are not available.
- Installing a first-floor washer and dryer is not allowed or possible.
- The bathtub cannot be removed to install a step-in shower.

